Briefs Say FBI Informer Urged Panther Misdeeds

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CHICAGO, Sept. 3 (UPI) — An FBI informer suggested to members of the Black Panther Party that they blow up an armory to get guns and offered them a "satchel" of explosives to burglarize a restaurant, according to legal briefs filed in federal court.

The briefs filed Thursday also state that William M. O'Neal Jr., an informer who infiiltrated the party, tried to being a stoeln typewriter to Panther headquarters.

The charges are part of an amended summary of testimony by Louis Truelock, former Panther party chief of security, at the trial of 28 present or former law enforcement officials. The law officers are accused of planning a Dec. 4, 1969, raid on a Panther party apartment in which two party leaders were killed.

Truelock has been a witness in the trial, but on Aug. 20, senior U.S. District Court Judge Sam Perry refused to allow him to testify about O'Neal's activities. The judge said defense attorneys did not have enough time to prepare for the testimony.

Truelock's accusations against O'Neal were not included in the original summary of his testimony.

Panther party attorney Jeffrey H. Haas, who represents surviviors of the raid and the families of slain Panther leaders Fred Hampton and Mark Clark, said the new summary was submitted in hopes Perry would change his ruling.

The summary said O'Neal had a "satchel" of putty, blasting caps and "plastic bottles of liquid" which he said could be used to blow up an armory or to burglarize a restaurant.

Truelock's statement also said O'Neal frequently carried a gun and was stripped of his duties as Hampton's bodyguard "except running errands for Panther leaders" after Hampton told him not to carry a firearm.

Survivors of the apartment raid and families of Clark and Hampton filed a $47.7 million civil rights damage suit in 1970, charging former Cook County State's Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan and other law officers, including FBI officials, with murder conspiracy and cover-up.